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SUBJECT: PRIORITIES FOR WASHINGTON VISIT: SALEH NEEDS TO BE PART OF THE SOLUTION

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[11.](#) (S) Summary: Significant progress has been made in our relationship with Yemen in the past four years. The ROYG has arrested and tried perpetrators of the USS Cole and VM Limburg attacks, shared GW democratic reform efforts, including BMENA and the Community of Democracies; backed IMF/WB sponsored economic reforms, and committed to seeking MCC membership. Despite this progress, dealing with the ROYG can be frustrating and difficult. This is all the more true

SA/LW: Live Up To Your Commitments

[12.](#) (S/NF) On March 12 President Saleh committed to discontinue issuing end-user certificates (EUCs) to Yemeni arms dealers and declared all oil procurement officials only. We have some indications that Saleh is moving to reign in top Yemeni arms brokers. Other reports, however, reveal

[13.](#) (S/NF) Saleh has indicated to top advisors in the past that he believes he can pull the wool over the eyes of the USG. In the time leading up to the visit include: Stopping any illicit sales and shipments; continuing pressure on supplier nations not to sell SA/LW to Yemen;

Deliverables: Expanding Yemen Coast Guard and CSF-CTU

[14.](#) (S) In return for Saleh's compliance, we should promise expanded military aid and cooperation. Our most successful CT programs to date, the al-Mandab should be part of that process.

[15.](#) (S) We have made clear to MOI USG intentions to link further equipment assistance for CSF-CTU with an inventory system designed to prevent

Enhanced GWOT Intelligence Sharing and Cooperation

[16.](#) (S) President Saleh has logged some major CT gains and significantly improved security in Yemen since the post-9/11 forging of the U.S.-Yeme

[17.](#) (S) Former regime elements tied to the insurgency in Iraq have operational freedom in Yemen. The ROYG must honor legal Iraqi arrest warrant pipeline. The U.S. has programs active in Yemen that can assist the ROYG to improve its abilities to monitor its borders and track known or su

Yemen: Leader in Regional Reform?

[18.](#) (C) The Yemen's economy is flailing and serious reforms are needed to attract foreign investment. With dwindling oil reserves, a rapidly c

Government By the Government, For the Government

[19.](#) (C) Rampant official corruption impedes foreign investment, economic growth, and comprehensive development. Corruption and greed are also c

Democratic Elections

[110.](#) (C) Saleh touts Yemen as a leader in regional reform and has committed to democratization. Domestically, however, he has run-out of refor

[111.](#) (C) Comment: Progress on SA/LW, information and intelligence sharing, fighting corruption, and democratic reform is essential, even crucia
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